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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Claims 1-7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (previously presented): An interlabial pad according to claim 22, wherein the

interlabial pad is used together with a sanitary napkin.

Claim 9 (previously presented): An interlabial pad according to claim 22, wherein the

interlabial pad is a pad for incontinence of urine.

Claim 10 (previously presented): An interlabial pad according to claim 22, wherein the

interlabial pad is a pad for absorbing vaginal discharge.

Claims 11-21 (canceled).

Claim 22 (currently amended): An interlabial pad for attaching to labia, comprising:

a support sheet, having a peripheral edge that forms an outline of the interlabial pad that has

at least one shape from the group consisting of an elliptic type shape, an ovoid type shape, a gourd-

shape, and a drop-shape;

a pair of absorbers for absorbing a body fluid;

a pair of water permeable cover sheets covering the absorbers respectively, each water

permeable cover sheet having two portions, corresponding to a shape of each absorber, respectively,

being folded to cover both an inner and outer surfaces of each absorber, respectively, and being

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bonded such that the two portions of each water permeable cover sheet covering the inner and outer

surfaces of each absorber, respectively, are bonded together at the peripheral edge of an upper

surface of the support sheet; and

a pair of voids formed between each of the water permeable cover sheets and the support

sheet, each void having a pocket-like shape formed by a peripheral edge portion of the water

permeable cover sheets and the support sheet having a peripheral edge portion; and

- a support sheet, having a peripheral edge that is bonded to the peripheral edge portion of

each of the pair of water permeable cover sheets on a body face side of the support sheet,

wherein each of side ends of the interlabial pad has substantially an arc-like shape,

peripheral edges of the side ends converging at an edge of a center line of the interlabial pad along a

longitudinal direction, and

wherein each of the pair of water permeable cover sheets is separated from the other water

permeable cover sheet along a folding portion of the support sheet, so that when the support sheet is

folded away from the pair of water permeable cover sheets, the interlabial pad thereby forms [[a]]

the void between a garment face side of the water permeable cover sheet and the body face side of

the support sheet.

Claims 23 (previously presented): An interlabial pad according to claim 22,

wherein the water permeable cover sheets are separated along the folding portion of the

support sheet by 10 mm or less.

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Claim 24 (previously presented): An interlabial pad according to claim 22,

wherein the size of the absorber in each water permeable cover sheet is structured to be 2 to 10 mm smaller than the outline of the cover sheet.

Claim 25 (previously presented): An interlabial pad according to claim 22, wherein the support sheet comprises an impermeable material.

Claim 26 (previously presented): An interlabial pad according to claim 22, wherein the support sheet comprises a water permeable material.

Claim 27 (currently amended): An interlabial pad according to claim 22,

wherein each water permeable cover sheet comprises a porous non-woven fabric in an area contacting [[the]] ostium vaginae and a non-porous non-woven fabric in an area contacting [[the]] a labia inner wall.

Claim 28 (new): The interlabial pad according to claim 22, wherein the interlabial pad has an elliptic type shape.

Claim 29 (new): The interlabial pad according to claim 22,

wherein each absorber comprises a non-woven sheet in which 50 to 150 g/m^2 of pulp selected from a fiber with a length in a range of 1 to 10 mm is laminated onto a support sheet face side, and in which 150 to 250 g/m² of a mixture obtained by mixing 60% to 90% rayon with 1.1 to

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have 2 to 10 mm bulkiness.

4.4 dtex fineness and 20 to 51 mm fiber length with 10% to 40% natural cotton is laminated onto a side opposite to the support sheet face side, and then formed into a sheet by dotted embossing to

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